

Concerning the petition to the federal government to prevent XM and Sirius from broadcasting local content (specifically, traffic conditions); local stations would be well advised to expend their efforts on improving the quality/usability/timeliness of their traffic reports if they want listeners to choose them over the satellite stations. Satellite radio provides variety and quality that are not available elsewhere. I pay for these services and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to hear. I respectfully urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.